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1. Povazske Masove Zavody, n.p. ( Povazske Meat Enterprises  
National Corporation ) at ZILINA :

A. Structure of the enterprise as to organization :

- a. Povazske Meat Enterprises, Nat. Corp., are a manufacturing cooperative for treatment of meat and meat products, the management of which is at ZILINA.
- b. The management of this national corporation is in charge of the whole own administration of the corporation and carries out independently all financial, purchase and sales activities. It also elaborates monthly balances that it submits to the pertaining ministry ( probably to the Ministry of Food Industry ) for control.

According to its balance the corporation is granted further credits.

- c. To the management of the national corporation in question are subordinate 15 branches ( probably manufacturing enterprises and workshops -            )

Heads of branches are managers who are mostly experts and who are only in charge of supervising the production.

B. What is produced and business contacts of the corporation:

- a. The corporation, represented by the management, buys from "Rolnicke druzstvo" ( Farmers' Cooperative ) livestock that is slaughtered and the meat is treated in branch-enterprises of the corporation. From the meat are there produced various kinds of meat products that are meant for a quick consumption.

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b. At the production the quality norms, ordered by the Ministry of the Inland Trade are kept. In spite of it the quality of the products is rather low.

c. All products of the corporation are sold to the distributing and retail corporation "ZDROJ", National Corporation. ZDROJ sells them in its retail-shops to consumers.

d. Purchases of livestock and selling of meat-products is done at official cost and production prices. ZDROJ, Nat. Corp., sells the products to consumers at officially fixed consumer's prices.

e. The above mentioned national corporation was allotted by KOOSPOL, Nat. Corp., which is in charge of imports and is directly subordinate to the Ministry of Foreign Trade, for treating frozen beef, imported from USSR at current prices. The quality of the bought meat was so low that, after its treating and selling of products, there were price differences that were settled directly by the Ministry of the Foreign Trade.

f. The <sup>total</sup> ~~net~~ balance of the corporation was always highly active.

C. Control of the Corporation :

a. The management of the corporation was irregularly controlled by the Ministry or Slovak Commissioner's Office ( probably by the Ministry of Food Industry or Ministry of Food - and by controlling officials of the State Bank.

D. Employees :

a. Po vazske Meat Enterprises, Nat. Corp, totally employ about 800 employees of which approx. 250 employees are clerks or work in the administration.

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